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The Nailbourne Protection Society
Minutes of Meetings

Meeting held this day 28th December 1971
at the house of Mr Walter Whigham, Cobham Court,
Bekebourne, Kent, at 6-30 p.m.

Present: Mr. W. Whigham, Chairman.

Mrs Carter, Mrs Cruise, Messrs. Austley, Baker,
Clough, Elliott, Jagg, Fowler & Rumary.

Chairman's opening remarks announced that this should be the inaugural meeting of The Nailbourne Protection Society and that an Agreement should be ratified to establish this Society as a legally constituted body.

The terms of the Agreement were read to the members as written hereafter:-

"This Agreement is made the 28th day of December 1971 between the parties whose names and addresses are set out in Columns 1 and 2 of the Schedule hereto whereby it is agreed as follows —

1. The parties hereto shall from the date hereof associate together as a society for preserving and protecting the rural amenities of East Kent and especially the Nailbourne Valley in accordance with the rules of the Society as set out in the print hereof attached to this Agreement —
2. The name of the Society is "The Nailbourne Protection Society" —
3. The parties hereto agree to abide by the said rules and agree to pay a minimum subscription of 50 p. each on signing this agreement —

4. In accordance with the said rules the first members of the Committee shall be

Chairman	Walter Whigham	
Honorary Secretary	S. J. Runney	
Honorary Treasurers	G. G. Elliott	
Other members	L. G. S. Shiley	} Bridge Parish Council
	Mrs Young	
	B. Whigham	} Bishopbourne Parish Council
	G. Cobbett	
	C. W. Fagg	} Kingston Parish Council
	F. J. French	
	E. J. Clough	} Barham Parish Council
	Mrs J. E. Couse	
	N. G. Fowler	} Assistant Treasurers
	Mrs G. Anter	
	G. D. Baker	
	L. W. Goddard	
	Dr H. Blazebly	
	Dr B. Christie	
	J. Purchase	
	Prof. R. T. Amstey	
	Mrs P. E. Kirk	

and the first members of the Fighting Fund Committee shall be

G. G. Elliott
 N. G. Fowler
 Mrs G. Anter
 G. D. Baker

The Committee members present signed the document thereby indicating their approval.

A general discussion ensued on these main subjects:

- (a) Is a fighting fund required now that it is known that the Bridge Blain Rural District Council intend to seek an injunction to restrict the activities of Great Western Festivals Ltd?
- (b) Should the appeal for funds be launched immediately and if so should the possible contributors be told how much would be required both in total and from individuals?
- (c) How can the Society most effectively publicise its activities and cash requirements?

Resolved:

- (a) The Society's legal representative should be invited to inform the Committee of the necessary procedure.
- (b) Meanwhile the Fighting Fund should be launched immediately, the possible contributors should be informed that the target figure is £15,000 required to cover all foreseeable legal contingencies. They should also be informed that each household target would be £10-00 but that some people would be able to pay more and some less.

The Fighting Fund Committee would accept responsibility for printing a leaflet stating this and would distribute the appeals through the local villages.

- (c) The Fighting Fund Committee would approach Mr Dougall with the object of appointing him the PRO for the Society with the duties of publicising the aims and activities of the Society.

Lord Cornwallis and Sir John Davis should be approached and informed of the opposition to "Pop Festivals" with the object of enlisting their support in opposition.

Canterbury Traders should be invited to support opposition to the Pop Festivals

Consideration should be given to trying to influence British Rail against organising special trains.

Copies of an Anti Pop Festival poster which is designed by a local artist should be available for the Committee's approval.

While the Kingston petition has been sent in copy form to the Minister for the Environment, the Bridge petition should be sent to Mr Baker. The Darnham petition which is now being finalised should be sent to Mr Baker.

Consideration must be given to the most effective method of using the petitions and the originals must be kept by the Committee.

Mr Fowler informed the Committee that Mr Palmer, Blean House, Station Road, Canterbury, had kindly promised to distribute publicly pamphlets through newspapers sent out from his place of business.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9 p.m.

The next Committee meeting was agreed for Wednesday, 12th January 1972 at the same location.

Mr. Higham

6.1.72

Meeting held this day, 29th December 1941
at the House of Mr Walter Whigham,
Cobham Court, Bakersbourne, Kent at 8 p.m.

Present. Mr W Whigham, Chairman
Mrs Aiter, Messrs. Austey, Baker
Cobbett, Elliott, Fowler, Rumary
and Shirley.
Mr Goulden of Furley Page Fielding
and Pembroke as guest speaker.

Chairman's opening remarks announced that Mr Goulden had kindly made the offer to attend to give his advice on legal aspects of the situation.

That it was the Chairman's view that Lord Halsbury was most probably seeking a way to withdraw from Great Western Festivals Ltd.

That General Woodrow, as a resident very close to Charlton Park should be encouraged to support opposition to the "Festival" plans.

That the British Rail Executive was to meet on Monday 3rd January to discuss their attitude towards the running of special trains to serve the "Festival's".

That the Bridge Blean RDC had resolved to oppose the proposed "Festivals" and had appointed an Executive Committee to act in furthering the Council's actions.

Mr Goulden then outlined the requirements of the "Fighting Fund" in that while the initial financial risks were to be borne by the BBRDC and other bodies who might become involved, subscriptions would still be required.

Since the BBRDC were to seek an injunction against the committing of a public nuisance, it may well be

necessary also to seek an injunction against committing a private nuisance.

Therefore money should be available as an indemnity to the private litigants.

If the BBRDC, for example, became satisfied that they should not proceed because of assurances which might be given by Great Western Festivals Ltd; would these undertakings be satisfactory to the private individuals? Therefore, there should be a parallel proceeding and fund raising should be carried on.

The "Target" figures should be £3000 initially up to a total of £15,000.

The private plaintiffs should now consent to proceed with the firm of Tutley Page Fielding & Pembroke and should instruct them to proceed.

If any of the proposed plaintiffs were hesitant the Committee should reassure them.

Speed of action is very necessary because of the probable length of legal processes.

An injunction is the only sure way of stopping the "festivals" taking place because Planning Matters are so easily extended, perfectly legally, and therefore may be valueless in practice.

The private plaintiffs should ideally number 10 while 8 would be acceptable.

A general discussion ensued.

Mr Whigham offered to contact General Woodrow and a telephone conversation took place between the General and Mr Goulden. General Woodrow felt that since he is in residence only part of the time he is not suited to be a plaintiff. Therefore no further persuasion was thought to be necessary.

The list of private plaintiffs was discussed and the following were considered to be suitable:

Mrs Champion, Mrs Mitchell, Prof. Austey, Mr Baker,
Col. Elliott, Mr Gould and Mr B. Whigham and Mr Nicholls.

The following should also be asked to consider becoming
private plaintiffs:

Alderman P. Wood, Mr Cheeseman, Col. Willows and
Mr Cousins.

A telephone call was made and arrangements made
for Col. Elliott to meet Mrs Champion at 10 a.m. on the
30th December.

Resolved that Bridge Blean RDC should be
informed privately that a subscription to their costs would
be considered at the end of the financial year of this
Society should circumstances warrant at that time.

Col. Elliott requested that if Mrs Dougall were to be
appointed as the Society's P.R.O. could he be briefed.

Resolved that the brief should contain

- (a) The depth of feeling shown by the members of objectors
- (b) The formation of this Society
- (c) Financial aid is being sought to assist BBRDC in
their legal efforts.

The Chairman announced that a meeting of the C.L.A.
would take place of Wednesday 5th January and undertook
to send pamphlets and a letter seeking the support of
the CLA in opposing the "Festivals".

Mr Fowler reminded the Committee that Mr Crouch had
specifically requested that the support of neighbouring
M.P.s should be sought. The Chairman volunteered to talk
to the M.P. for Dover.

Mr Goulden surveyed the correspondence between his firm
and the promoters and their solicitors and illustrated that no
worthwhile reply had emanated from that source.

There being no further business, the meeting

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closed at 9 p.m and the next meeting was arranged for a full committee meeting at 7.30 p.m on the 5th January at the same location.

W. Whigham
5.1.72

Meeting held this day 5th January 1972
at the House of Mr Walter Whigham
Cobham Court, Bekebourne, Kent at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mr W. Whigham, Chairman.
Mrs Airt, Mrs Kirk. Messrs Baker
Blazeky, Elliott, Fagg, Fowler, French
Risk, Purchase Rumary & Shirley.
Present as guests Mr Goulden, Mitchell
Greenwood & Lyles.

Resolved: The Society adopts the Deed of Indemnity to protect the plaintiffs who join in the common action as decided by Counsel.

Resolved: Mr Whigham appointed as Chairman and Mr Rumary as Secretary of the ~~Lifting Fund~~ ^{Executive} Committee?

Resolved: Mr G. Cobbett appointed Vice Chairman of the Society's Committee. *Does this mean Full Committee, or the Executive Committee?*

A discussion ensued from the report that Mr Dougall had been approached for his views of the necessity for a P.R.O. His view was that (a) this type of operation would cost £400. (b) he could not guarantee to obtain coverage in the National Press.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr Butler of the C.I.A had offered his services to promote the dissemination of news through the National Press. The Committee felt that Mr Dougall had been very fair in his reply and that a sub committee should be appointed to handle all publicity.

Resolved: A publicity sub-committee is appointed comprising the following members:-

Mrs Fowler, Mrs Kirk, Mr Kirk, Mr Purchase.

Mr M. Mitchell is available for professional advice as and when required.

The committee's brief is to promote the image of the Society.

An insignia is to be designed and used on all of the Society's publicity material

A press advertisement should be prepared to arouse support for the Society in Canterbury.

The principle aim of the publicity at least for the time being, is to raise money for the fighting fund.

The publicity committee will be responsible for the formulation and execution of publicity campaigns.

The publicity committee will draw upon the Fighting Fund for cash required subject to authorisation from the Fund committee for any sum in excess of £20.

Items of general interest were discussed as follows:-

The General Secretary of the Cinematograph Union has been approached to see if work on film making at the "Festival" could be stopped. If this were possible the principal value of the "Festival" to its promoters would be removed.

The letter from the Ministry for the Environment to Mr Baker should be sent to Mr Couch and Mr Deeds to ask what is the Ministry doing to prevent the "Festival" taking place.

The Kent CC seem to be unaware of the strength

of public feeling about the proposed "Festivals". There will be a meeting of the KCC tomorrow 6th January with the BBRDC, Mr Goulden, officers from the Canterbury County Council, the Water Companies and the Kent River Authority

The Eagle Star Insurance Company and six other Insurance Companies are seeking support from the K.C.C. in opposing the "Festival" promotions.

Mr John Liafford Cripps should be approached
see footnote:

The Parish Councils should raise a rate to assist the Lifting Fund.

The Canterbury Society requests literature from the Society.

The Canterbury Chamber of Trade request 600 sets of literature for distribution among the members.

Members of the Committee expressed the view that the committee should meet frequently to ensure up to date knowledge of the situation and to prepare press statements in time to meet the Newspapers' deadlines.

Resolved: The Society Committee should meet fortnightly commencing Monday 10th at 7.30 p.m. and thereafter on fortnightly Mondays.

The Lifting Fund Committee should meet regularly on Tuesday each week at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Footnote Mr Cripps: Editor of the Countryman since 1947; Chairman Rural District Councils Associations; member Rural Committee of National Council Social Service; South East Economic Planning Council; Executive Council for the Preservation of Rural England; Committee on Foot paths; Chairman of the Countryside Commission.

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W. H. Higham
11.1.72.

Meeting held this day 10th January 1972
at the House of Mr. Walter Whigham
Cobham Court, Beckenbourne, Kent, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr W. Whigham, Chairman.

Mrs Aries, Mrs Kirk, Messrs. Anstey

Cobbett, Clough, Shirley, Fagg,

Baker, Goddard, Purchase, Lumary

and Mrs Cross.

Chairman's opening remarks indicated that Lord Massamene had been contacted and his support sought.

Mr Bullen had indicated that Mr Steers had written a news report to be published in the Sunday Telegraph on the 16th January.

The K.C.C. had held a meeting in which it was decided not to press for action under Town & Country Planning Acts.

British Rail had replied to indicate that they would have to consider any requests from Great Western Festivals Ltd., from the commercial view of revenue to be expected.

Mr Rees Davis, M.P. for Folkestone had not yet replied.

The Water Companies will not take strong action individually but will support this Society by supplying a report on possible pollution which could be used as evidence if so required.

The B.B.C programme "Nationwide" were preparing a feature on the issue and Mr Cobbett agreed to be available for interview.

Mr Goulden and Counsel are to seek undertakings from Col. Underwood & Great Western Festivals that they will not hold "Pop Festivals" at Chelton Park. Should these undertakings be forthcoming they will be

legally binding.

Mrs Louder made a report on behalf of the Publicity sub-committee as follows:

The weekly advertisement in the Kentish Gazette is running at a cost of £8.50 per week.

A monthly newsletter is being prepared for Parish Councils to distribute to residents.

New car stickers with the message "Stop Popfest - East Kent is not the place" are in production.

The display of stickers on buses is under consideration.

A letter has been sent to the artist thanking him for his poster. The independently produced "Pop" poster should be discouraged.

A continuing programme of press releases for the National newspapers is being prepared. The release would include a statement that this is a permanent Society which will carry on with opposition to "Pop Festivals" until it is legally advised that action is no longer necessary. The release will also contain the statement that Rank Leisure Services have withdrawn any connection with the proposed "Festivals".

A discussion ensued on fund raising.

Resolved: The University Vice-Chancellor should be approached for a discussion on the possibility of monetary or moral support in opposing the "Festivals". Professor Austey agreed to initiate this action.

Investigation of the attitude of and possible support from other local Headmasters should be carried out. Mr Baker agreed to meet Mr Lyles, resident of Kingston and Headmaster of Frank Hooker School for advice on the best method of seeking this support.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

W. H. Lyles

27.11.72

Meeting held this day 11th January 1972
at the House of Mr Walter Whigham
Cobham Court, Belesbourne, Kent at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mr Whigham, Chairman
Mrs Carter, Messrs Elliott, Baker, Rumanj.

The Treasurer opened this meeting of the Finance sub Committee with the report that the Fighting Fund stands at £3,500 including £361 from Bridge, £500 from Kingston and £419 from Berham. Special thanks were offered to Mrs Cobbett who had collected £80 from a door to door canvass.

A general discussion ensued on fund raising.

Resolved: To request the publicity committee to supply to Mr Whigham a presentation of our case including maps for his talk to the C.L.A. on Wednesday next.

Resolved: The publicity committee must get over the point that our fight is not yet won.

Resolved: The publicity committee are requested to advise the next meeting of the Main Committee

- (a) at what point is a house to house collection called for?
- (b) at what point should promissory notes be called for?
- (c) how soon should we carry out some form of demonstration in Canterbury.
- (d) how soon should we carry out a demonstration, within the law, at Downing Street?
- (e) can we employ of + a pretty girl to canvass the Companies in Canterbury for funds?

Resolved: The publicity committee is requested to nominate a member to link with the finance committee and to attend meetings.

Correspondence: Lord Massarene has advised the Society that he will put down questions in the House of Lords, that he will discuss the situation with the Minister of the Environment and Lord Harewood. Lord Massarene will help this Society.

Mr Rees-Davies, M.P. pledged his help to Mr. Crouch and his support for a Bill which is coming up on a nationwide basis.

Mr Peter Rees, Q.C. M.P. pledged his cooperation with Mr Deedes and Mr Crouch in their efforts to prevent the holding of pop festivals in Charlton Park.

Chairman's closing remarks indicated the Society would be well advised to publicise the fact that, in the event of a "Pop Festival" at Charlton Park the charge of Policing could well be £40,000 - in any event there would be a very considerable expense on the Rates.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9. p.m.

Footnote:- after this meeting the secretary visited Mr Purchase of the Publicity Committee and informed him of this meeting's requests. These will be discussed at Thursday's publicity discussion group.

W. Higham

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Meeting held this day 19th January 1942
at the House of Mr. Walter Whigham
Cobham Court, Bekebourne, Kent.

at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mr Whigham, Chairman.

Mrs Anter, Mrs Kirk, Col Elliott,

Mr Fowler, Mr Baker, Mr Rumary.

The Chairman opened the meeting by informing the members that the Kent County Council had decided to assist the Bridge Belem R.D.C. in their action against Great Western Festivals Ltd., by assisting in payment of up to half the legal costs. Expert witnesses would be made available as required.

The date for writs to be served had been finalised as the 27th January 1942.

A general discussion ensued in which Col. Elliott requested consideration should be given to changing the day for general committee meetings. Monday is a particularly unsuitable day for many members of the committee.

Resolved: The next General Committee Meeting should be held on Tuesday next 25th January when the best possible day for general mutual convenience could be discussed.

Resolved: Finance Committee meetings would in future be held on Wednesdays.

Information was given that Dr. Fawcett of Wye College had offered his support to the Society and requested 500 copies of pamphlets. Arrangements were made to supply these.

Mrs Glanville Barkham of the Editorial Staff of the Sunday Times had intimated the Sunday Times will not deal with "Pop" matters but that the "Private Eye"

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magazine appeared to be interested in our local situation.

Resolved: This Society does not wish to associate with this magazine and would try, if possible, to discourage publication of material.

Resolved: Lord Massorene should be reminded by letter that he had undertaken to make a statement in opposition to the "Pop Festivals".

Treasurer reported that cash in hand now totals £4000.

Mr Robin Baker White, Farmer of Lower Herdes had offered his support to the Society and had promised £500 on demand when required.

Chairman informed the meeting that the Kent County Council were considering the possibility of becoming a party to BBRDC's injunction but that action would have to be determined after their favourable interpretation of their grounds of "Locus Standi".

Mrs Kirk showed examples of the latest designs for publicity from the sub committee. Further plans for news items were discussed.

Resolved: The next major news release must be that the injunctions had been served.

Resolved: Personal contact should be planned as a matter of urgency to contact the larger firms in Canterbury to elicit subscriptions. The Town & Country Agency should be contacted to arrange for staff to carry out this work.

Arrangements were made to distribute to villagers the letters to be forwarded to Col. Underwood warning him of his personal responsibility for damage caused.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

W. H. Whiffen

27. 11. 72.

Meeting held this day 25th January 1972
 at the House of Mr Walter Whigham,
 Cobham Court, Beckenbourne, Kent.
 at 7.30 p.m

Present: Mr Whigham, Chairman
 Mrs Astet, Mrs Cross, Mrs Kirk,
 Mrs Young, Dr Blazeky, Messrs, Baker,
 Clough, Elliott, Fagg, Goddard,
 Greenwood, Lumar, Shirley & Tyles.

Hon. Treasurer informed the meeting that the Fighting Fund now stood at £4,300 deposited with the Bradford Building Society and that £200 was in the system prior to banking.

The Chatham Village have offered £50,000.

Chairman informed the Meeting that Kent County Council were in full support of the Bridge Blean RDC and that the two Councils would join in seeking injunctions against Great Western Festivals Ltd.. A meeting with Counsel would take place on Friday next and if the required undertakings were not forthcoming writs could be issued on the following Monday.

A general discussion took place on the rumour that the promoters had available a hundred acre site and could this possibly be Bourne Park?

The Chairman informed the meeting that he has been made aware of the fact that negotiations are proceeding for the sale of Bourne Park but the buyer is in no way connected with the "Pop" world.

Chairman had also spoken to the BBC 24 Hours Team who stated that they had asked Col. Underwood about this possibility and that he had been emphatic that his plans had always referred to Chaston Park.

Further discussion took place on the interviews and film making for the BBC 24 Hours programme. The members involved were reasonably satisfied that they had presented a good case and the programme would prove to be in favour of the protesters rather than the promoters.

Mr Runnery informed the meeting that he had seen samples of the "Pot" leaflet in the hands of the BBC staff on Saturday morning. He had specifically asked the producer and interviewees not to publicise this leaflet in connection with the Society as we were in no way responsible for it. The interviewees had replied that he could not be concerned with the "minutiae" of the situation. The same request was made to them later in the day and it was felt that the BBC probably would not use that leaflet.

The general view of the Committee was that we could not control the actions of people unconnected with the Society or expect to control the BBC's use of material.

Plans were finalised for the Fund Raising venture in Canterbury as follows:

40 girls from the staff of The Town & Country Agency would meet at the County Hotel on Saturday 30th January at 9.30 a.m. Their objective to meet as many of Canterbury's 600 Traders as they could in the day. Identity badges would be worn. Subscription forms would be provided and funds sought from the Traders. They would report back to the Society's Committee Members at 5.30 p.m.

The cost of the day's operation would be £120.00.

Mr Mason of the County Hotel had offered a room free of charge and would also make a donation.

Wynards of Taversham had given the badges at a nominal cost of £1.50.

Further discussion ensued on proposed meetings to

publicise our efforts as follows:

Students - it is known that the University students are to survey the subject of Pop Festivals among the Students' Union

Resolved: Prof. Anstey will act as liaison to arrange a meeting with Mrs Parker, the Vice President of Internal Affairs and representative students and Mrs Mitchell, Mr Cobbett, Mr Kirk and Mrs Kirk representing the Society.

It was felt that efforts should be made to obtain support from Christchurch College.

Resolved: Mr W Whigham would discuss this with Mr. Mason, the Principal, to see if a meeting of representatives could be arranged.

It was felt that a similar meeting might be arranged with students from Monington College of Physical Education.

Resolved: The publicity sub committee should investigate the possibility of arranging a meeting.

Parish Meetings - Invitations had been received to speak at Bishopscourt and Bridge Parish Meetings on the 2nd February. Timetables and speakers were finally arranged:-

Bishopscourt - Mr Fagg, Mr Baker and Mr Cobbett.

Bridge - Mr Shiley, Mr Whigham, Col Elliott and Mr Lumsden.

Canterbury Society - An invitation to address the Canterbury Society had been accepted. Mr Baker and Mr Lumsden would give a short talk on Friday 28th February.

The Committee raised the question "Would there be adequate publicity in Bridge to draw an audience to the Parish Meeting"?

Mrs Kirk assured the meeting that adequate posters were being prepared and would be posted the next day.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

W. Whigham

Meeting held this day 9th February 1972
at the House of Mr Walter Whigham
Cobham Court, Beckenbourne, Kent.
at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr Whigham, Chairman.
Mrs Carter, Messrs Baker, Blagden, Clough,
Elliott, Cobbett, Fagg, Goddard, Greenwood,
Rumay, Shirley, Lyles, Mrs Cunn, Mrs Kirk
and Mrs Young. Professor Anstey.

Chairman opened the meeting by conveying the information that the Promoters, Great Western Festivals Ltd, had given a legally binding undertaking that "no major 'Pop Festival' would be held within 20 miles of Bishopscourt". He commented that this undertaking is as wide reaching in its effect as can be expected, wider than could have been expected to have been achieved by the injunction. Mr Crouch M.P. has informed Mr Whigham that this has been the best mounted effort he has ever heard of in all the country. Chairman thanked all persons who had subscribed to this success.

Mr Goulden informed the meeting that the situation now satisfied the Society as far as the Promoters were concerned and that Charlton Park must now be seen as an unsuitable "Pop Festival" location at any time. However Col. Underwood could, as a private individual, seek to promote similar Festivals independently in his own personal interest. Therefore a writ has been served on him in the form of an injunction to restrain from holding or causing to be held Popular or Folk Music Festivals at Charlton Park so as to cause nuisance or damage to Plaintiffs.

Nuisance or Damage is as far as our rights go and this refers to the Plaintiffs' premises.

There are still no means to ensure perpetual relief from similar gatherings.

In view of this Injunction, Col. Underwood does not appear to offer a threat to establish a permanent "Pop Festival" site. His solicitors have been warned this evening that we mean business and their reply indicated that an undertaking will be forthcoming.

Mr Goulden then advised that if a suitable undertaking were given it should be accepted. An undertaking to restrict numbers attending and nuisance would be as much as we could expect in law.

The alternative of a total ban on Col. Underwood does not seem to be relevant for the limited period of 1972; the Night Assemblies Bill will take over for 1973.

An alternative undertaking by Col. Underwood for all time could not bind the land so would apply only until Col. Underwood left.

Mr Goulden expressed his conclusion that acceptance of a suitable undertaking is the best possible course of action. It is desirable to draw the case to a close quickly and neatly. The undertaking would be binding in law and Col. Underwood would be very foolish to break its conditions.

The Society would remain in being to keep a watchful eye on any future undesirable promotions.

Chairman requested the views of the Committee after making the observation that "We may not hold the funds for any usage other than those covered by the rules, i.e. for supporting litigation, therefore funds are for use only in this case. It is the Chairman's view that the Plaintiffs should instruct the Solicitor to exercise his right to discretion to conclude this case as quickly as is reasonably possible."

A discussion then ensued as noted below:-

Col. Elliott: Considering Col. Underwood's present position, a nuisance can still be committed. However, Col. Underwood has his rights, too. Therefore we should seek the assurance with the terms clearly defined so as not to victimise the Underwoods. If we seek assurances in line with the terms of the Night Assemblies Bill this would be satisfactory.

Are we now on our own without the backing of the BBRDC?

Col. Elliott indicated that he was also speaking on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Champion and Mr. Gold.

Professor Austey:- We are assuming that the Night Assemblies Bill will become law - if it does not, we must reconsider. We cannot bind Col. Underwood permanently - is it possible that we can restrain him from carrying out works to make footpaths possible, e.g. St. Peter Buildings?

Mr. Goulden:- I have reported to the Local Authorities that it would be proper for them to assist the local residents. This is being considered and BBRDC have replied "In principle we feel it right to make considerable assistance. The Clerk is taking up this question with the District Auditor".

The Kent County Council may go along with Bridge Blean.

Mr. Baker:- If Col. Underwood mortgaged his property would he still be bound?

Mr. Goulden:- One cannot impose a restrictive covenant on land unless it were in favour of other land.

Mr. Baker:- If Col. Underwood broke his undertaking would we be liable for damages?

Mr. Goulden:- If he broke his undertaking we would go for the injunction, no damages liability would be involved.

Mr. & Mrs. Atkin:- We agree with Col. Elliott.

Col. Willows:- The outcome of this cannot be assured, we must have a written undertaking of support from BBRDC before we proceed.

Mr. Goulden:- Up to the time of issue of the writ no liabilities for legal costs were involved, now any costs are very adequately backed.

Chairman:- The Cheston Park site has been banned - The RCC and BBRDC were fully in support and their backing is

still available. This will be considered by the Executive Council in two days' time.

Mr. Goulden :- Our "kitty" of £5000 in the indemnity fund is available.

Up to the collapse of Great Western Festivals Ltd the charges for legal actions will be met by the BBRDC backed by the K.C.C.

I consider that Col. Underwood most probably will not contest and I will advise his solicitors that this Society will not seek to be vindictive.

Mr. Cobhart :- I agree with the principles expressed and advise continuing vigilance.

Mr. Baker :- If he held a festival, what would constitute a nuisance?

Mr. Goulden :- Interference with the proper enjoyment of one's property. Noise law is not very strong, for example, one night's disturbed sleep cannot constitute a nuisance in law.

The breakthrough in stopping this particular festival was in proving the potential danger of water pollution.

The Chairman at this stage appealed for expedition and trust in the lawyers to take the appropriate action.

Mr. Goulden repeated his opinion that Col. Underwood will collapse within a week.

Col. Elliott proposed that "We Plaintiffs agree that we proceed with the action and allow Mr. Goulden to use his discretion."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and carried unanimously.

Chairman announced that Mr. Pope of Reeves & Naylor has kindly offered to audit the Society's accounts free of charge and this offer is gratefully accepted.

Col. Elliott reported that there is currently £5,500 invested with the Bradford Building Society. It is his opinion

that this fund should be held until early December at which time there should be a complete audit and refund made to contributors.

Mr Goulden reported on Great Western Festivals Ltd's claim that libel had been committed. He has replied stating that the pamphlets referred to have been identified as printed on the 14 Dec. i.e. 2 days before Great Western Festivals Ltd were registered and 14 days before the formation of this Society. We gladly undertake not to distribute these pamphlets since we never did in the first place.

Mr Goulden would like to meet the Committee to report on the outcome two weeks from tonight, i.e. 22nd February, unless cancelled.

Mr Kirk requested the general view - should publicity be continued?

Discussion evoked the general opinion that we should bow out gracefully and at the end of the term Mr Goulden could make a public announcement on

- (a) Col. Underwood's undertaking
- (b) The Society's cash situation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.,

W. Higham
27. 11. 72

Meeting held this day 25th August 1972
 at the House of Mr Walter Whigham
 Cobham Court, Bokesbourne, Kent
 at 7.30 p.m.

Present. Mr Whigham, Chairman.
 Mrs Aiter, Messrs Baker, Elliott,
 Rumany.

Chairman opened meeting by requesting that consideration should now be given to refunding a proportion of donations to the Society's Fighting Fund.

Chairman proposed that minutes of previous meetings not already signed as approved should be approved by the Chairman and the Executive Committee.

The proposition was seconded by Mrs. Baker and resolved.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mrs Baker:-

"Corporate Bodies are to be considered as non members of the Society for the purposes of cash refund.

Donations should be repaid pro-rata to the Society's expenditure."

Proposition carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Baker, seconded by Mr Rumany:-

"The Society shall retain in its fund the sum of £1000.

The Society shall refund 95% of the donations to those in credit of more than £5.00"

Proposition carried unanimously.

Proposed by Chairman, seconded by Col. Elliott:-

"Following his kind offer to audit the Accounts, Mrs M.F. Pope will be elected Honorary Auditor to the Society."

Proposition carried unanimously.

W. Whigham

27. 11. 72.

Meeting held this day 7 September 1972
at CABHAM COURT, BEKESBOURNE, Kent -
at 7.30 PM.

PRESENT - Messrs W. Whigham, B. Whigham, Cabbett, Purchase, Baker, Fagg, Clough, Elliott, Fowler, Goddard, Rummy, Shirley, Tyler, and the Mrs Kirk, Carter and Young.

ALSO - Messrs Aspinall, Hayle, Spencer and Parratt, Bng. Stacie Powell, Mr Harvey (Solicitor)

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called to consider the attitude and possible actions of the Society towards the proposed plans of Brett's to develop gravel pit workings at Bekesbourne. Certain interested local landowners had been invited to state their views.

Mr Aspinall. The workings would have a disastrous effect on his valuable animals, and the breeding of rare specimens would be at risk. If the scheme was permitted, he would have to transport his whole menagerie elsewhere - a colossal task.

Mr Spencer. The proposal was detrimental to the environment on the grounds of noise, spoliation and nuisance value. The gravel beds were deep, and there was a possibility of diversion of existing water sources.

Mr Parratt. Water pollution, and the danger of diminishing spring sources were factors to be considered - also traffic hazards and danger to school children on the narrow roads. In answer to a question by Mr Fowler, Mr Parratt said underground water might be polluted by oil from machinery.

Mr Hayle endorsed the previous remarks. His watercress beds, and business would be threatened.

The Chairman said that local residents were most concerned about the threat to the environment. Possibly the Company

Concerned had adequate reserves of gravel elsewhere.
 Mr J. Purchase. The A2 Group, Bridge, opposed the
 scheme whole heartedly, mainly on the factor
 of traffic hazards. Many additional heavy
 vehicles would be superimposed on an inadequate
 road system. It was estimated that an additional
 40 lorries IN and 40 lorries OUT per day might
 be involved.

Brig. Stade Powell. The Licham, Wingham and District Society
 would oppose the plan, and would support the Nailthorne.
 Mr Fagg stated that Bridge Blain RDC would be discussing
 this matter on 11 September. Any objections should be
 lodged by that date.

Mr Harvey, in answer to a question by Mrs Kirk, explained
 that an objection could be made on any reasonable
 grounds - in this case, on personal, amenity and the
 traffic hazard factors.

Mr Shirley proposed, seconded by Mr Baker, that
 the Nailthorne Society object to the proposed
 gravel workings, on the grounds raised by previous
 speakers. The motion was carried unanimously.

After discussion, it was decided that Mr Harvey should
 write a letter for RW, to be signed by the Chairman,
 and to be handed in to the RDC in good time before
 the meeting on 11 Sept next.

George Cobbett

29.XI.73

W. J. Purchase
 13 Feb 1973

Meeting held on 30 NOV 1972
at BARITAM VILLAGE HALL
at 7.30 pm

Present: Committee - Messrs W. Whigham, J. Runyan, G. G. ELLIST,
C. Baker, Dr. Blazehy, Mrs Carter, Mrs Cross
Mrs Fagg.

ITEM.

and 35 Life and ordinary members.

1. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Mr. Whigham presented a report on the events leading up to the formation of the Society, and the subsequent progress and success in the campaign to prevent the holding of massive pop. festivals at Charlton Park. (The full text is attached on page 161.)

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Col. Ellist moved the adoption of the accounts (P. 161.) He reminded the meeting that responsibility for raising, retention and returning monies had been given to the Finance Subcommittee, one rep. from each of the four parishes most concerned. It had been decided to return 95% of subscriptions over £5.00 to all Life Members, and 95% of subscriptions of £5 or over to those who had decided not to remain with the Society. This high rate of return had been possible (apart from the fact that Kent County Council and Bridge Place RDC had 'shouldered' most of the expenses) because:

(a) Some subscribers had required no return whatsoever.

(b) Only 22 individuals had declined to remain members.

Therefore even with this high return percentage, a sum of approx £350.00 was left with the Society. Today the full amount due for return (£3500 approx) had been redistributed, except for a few outstanding cheques.

This exercise would not have been so trouble-free without the help and advice of Mr Michael Pope, who had also audited the accounts, without fee. The Society used its gratitude to Mr Pope for this service. Mr Tom Carter proposed the adoption of the accounts. There were no queries. Dr Blazby seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman. It was proposed by Col Elliott and seconded by Mr Carter that Mr Walter Whigham be re-elected as Chairman. (Carried unanimously)

Secretary } Mr Rumary signified his desire to retire due
Treasurer } to pressure of his work. After discussion it was proposed by Mr Baker and seconded by Mr Whigham that Col. Elliott be elected to hold both offices until or unless some major operation might arise, which would require extra contribution. (Carried unanimously)

Asst Treasurers. Proposed by Mr Rumary and seconded by Mr Fagg that Messrs Baker, Fowler and Mr Carter be re-elected as Asst. Treasurers.

COMMITTEE. (Carried unanimously)

Proposed by Mr Fagg and seconded by Mr Baker that the present committee be re-elected en bloc with the additions of Mr Rumary and Mr Burrows.

4 AUDITORS

Proposed by Mr Whigham, seconded by Col Elliott that Reeves and Nefflan be appointed as Auditors. (Carried unanimously)

5 FUTURE POLICY. In discussion it was agreed that the policy of the Society must remain fluid, with the main role of support when appropriate, to other local amenity societies.

6. OTHER BUSINESS - Affiliations.

Col. P. Drake Brockman, Secretary of the Committee for the Preservation of Rural Kent explained the situation about Amenity Societies. Mr Gbbett proposed, and Mr Burrows seconded a motion that measures be taken to affiliate the Society to:

- (a) The Committee for Preservation of Rural Kent (50p Fee)
- (b) The Kent Federation of Amenity Societies (£2.50)
- (c) The Civic Trust, (nil)

(Carried unanimously)

G. G. G. from J. M. S. Notes,
13 Feb 1973.

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Notes

Rule 23.

Civic Trust does not register any Society which includes the power to expel members -

George Gbbett
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CHAIRMAN.

MEETING held on 29 NOV 1973.

at 8 PM, at The Paddock,

BISHOPS CAURNE

COMMITTEE.

PRESENT: Mr Cabbett (Acting Chairman) Mrs Carter, Kirk and Young -
Prof. Cuskey, Messrs Baker, Fowler, Purchase, Shirley
and Tyler, Dr Blazdy, Col Elliott. (12).

Apologies were received from Mrs Cox, Messrs Clough, Goddard,
Greenwood, Burrows and French.

1. The Acting Chairman asked for a Silence in memory of Mr
Walker Whigham, late Chairman of the Society, who had died
suddenly in July last. Mr Cabbett paid warm tribute to
Mr Whigham's energy and leadership of the Society.

AGENDA

ITEM 1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 Sept 1972 were read and agreed,
and signed.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC INQUIRY, BEKESBOURNE

2. The Hon Sec/Treasurer reported that the appeal account for
the pop. festival campaign had been closed on 1 May 73.
£3468. No had been returned to subscribers in accordance with
the rules. At the present time there was approx. £1000 in
Building Society and at bank.
3. The gravel business had been initiated on 26 June 73,
in a letter from Mr A. HARVIE, Solicitor to the Hon Sec, stating
that Mr Walker Whigham had information that Brett's had
lodged an appeal against the decision by Kent CC to
refuse planning permission, and that in view of the fact that
Mr Whigham would be abroad in Sept, he wished Mr Harvie
to deal with Col. Elliott over any arrangements.
4. The Finance Sub-committee had met on 28 June, and agreed
to contribute up to £200 towards legal expenses, and also
to help with organisation, printing etc - it being assumed

that local residents who were more closely concerned would contribute any balance required. (As that time only a comparatively short inquiry had been envisaged).

A letter explaining the situation was also sent on 4 July to all Committee members, inviting comment. (None was received).

5. A meeting was held at Jona Crannigton Farm, attended by Col. Elliot, Messrs Spencer, Hayle, Mayo Parrett, Osborne (for Osprey) and Brig. Sted Pasell, where the decision of the Finance Subcommittee was explained. Mr Harvie was also present.

To avoid any misunderstanding Mr Harvie sent ^{also} a letter to Mr Harvie on 23 July (Copy Filed), emphasising the limited nature of the Society's support.

6. The Public Inquiry began on 18 Sept, and with a 'break', lasted some 14 full working days. Mr J. Purchase represented the Society. The Committee thanked Mr Purchase for his conscientious ^{work} and excellent evidence at the inquiry.

Mr Purchase paid tribute to both the quality and the quantity of Mr Harvie's legal activities both before and during the inquiry.

Mr Fowler stated that he had visited Mr Harvie, when it became apparent that the inquiry's duration would exceed expectations, and confirmed the Society's limited ^{involvement} ~~participation~~.

7. A final letter from Mr Harvie, dated 29 Oct (Filed) was read by the Committee, and discussed.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

ITEM 3

Col. Elliot reported that to date £250 had been collected from certain individuals in the Beckenham area (incl. £25 from the Ickham Weighers Residents Association), and Mr Spencer who was abroad, had promised £100 - making a total of £350.

Having regard to the prolonged nature of the inquiry, and the excellent service of Mr Harvie (although it must be appreciated that he was also acting ^{partly} in his own interests) he considered that the sum of £200 should be increased to £310.

* B. Whigham £75
 Mrs Ricini £75
 J. Hayle £25
 M. Parrett £25
 J. Quinn £25
 Ickham etc £25
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After some discussion, including the possibility of more money being raised locally around Bekebourne -
 It was Proposed by Col. Elliott and Seconded by Len G. Baker
 that the Society contribute a sum of £310 towards
 the legal expenses (with local contributions this
 amounted to £660 incl 10% VAT). The motion was carried ^{unanimously}.

9. It was further agreed that the Hon Treasurer should settle
 this business as quickly as possible, even though this might
 involve "carrying" the guarantee of £100 from Len Spencer
 in the time being, pending his return from abroad.

ITEM 4. Register with Civic Trust.

The Civic Trust had declined to accept the Society unless
 Rule 23 was deleted, which would involve a decision
 by AGM. (Rule 23 allows the Committee to cancel any
 membership for misconduct)

After discussion it was agreed to let this matter ~~rest~~
 remain in abeyance.

- ITEM 5. After discussion it was agreed that the present
 financial year should end 31 Dec 73, to be
 followed by the AGM, to be held, subject to
 confirmation, on 14th Mar 1974, probably at Bishopshoume,
 possibly at Barham Village Hall.

ITEM 6 Any Other Business.

- (a) Col. Elliott said that he had received inquiries for advice
 and help over a proposed Pop. Festival at St Margarets Bay Dover.
 (b) He also mentioned the cost ^{both} in money and time of conducting
 the Society's business. Every effort, short of failing to follow rules,
 would be made to effect economies in future, eg use of post cards
 rather than letters and envelopes.

The Meeting Closed at about 9.10 PM

George Abbott

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Meeting held on 14 March 1974
at BISHOPSBOURNE VILLAGE HALL
at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Mrs G. Carter, Mr G. Baker, Mr K. Burrows, Mrs G. Cabbett,
Col. G. Elliott, Mr C. Falk, Mr N. Fowler, Mrs P. Kirk,
Mr J. Purchase, and 19 Life and ordinary members.

The Acting Chairman paid tribute to the late Chairman, Mr Walter Whigham, who had played such a vital part in the formation of the Society, and in the Festival Campaign. A short silence was observed in his memory.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Dr Blazeky and Mr Greenwood, Mr and Mrs Horton, Miss Hartigan and Mr Javendar. The following had also tendered their resignations from the Committee: Mr Greenwood, Dr Christie, Mr French and Mr Rumary.

Agenda

ITEM 1.

Minutes of 1st AGM.

The Hon Sec read the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 Nov 1972. These were agreed, and signed.

ITEM 2.

Matters Arising.

The Society had been affiliated to the Committee for the Preservation of Rural Kent, and to the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies. After discussion, PROPOSED by Mr Baker, Seconded by Mr Carter, to discontinue membership of the KFAS. Carried unanimously. It was also decided not to proceed with registration with the Civic Trust, as to do so would involve the amendment or cancellation of Rule 23.

ITEM 3. Treasurers Report.

The period under review covers 15 months, during which there were two major items -

(e) The winding up of the Pop Festival accounts, which had involved returning £3496 to various subscribers. The No 2 acct was closed, after 6 months from issue of last cheque, on 1 May 1973. There was a ^{credit} balance of £28, due to un-presented cheques, which was transferred to General acct.

(f) The Beckenhouse Cravel P.I. Public Inquiry, held during Sept, Oct 1973 had far exceeded anticipation both in longevity and complexity. The Committee had decided to support Kent CC, and in particular certain local residents (mostly members) who were most concerned with the threat to the environment of the Nailthorne Valley.

Originally it had been decided to limit expenditure by the Society proper, to £200 plus remaining costs, paper, printing etc. However due to the extraordinary expense, both in time and office work, incurred by the Solicitor Mr Harvie (who was representing both local residents and the Society), this sum was increased to £310. As local residents had raised £350, this made a total of £660 paid to Solicitor. The £350 passed through General account as a Contra entry, and is not shown in the balance sheet.

Both local residents and the Society owe a debt of gratitude to Mr Harvie, whose personal efforts exceeded the norm in such cases.

ITEM 4 ACCOUNTS. Proposed by Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Purchase, that accounts be adopted. Carried Unanimously.

The Hon Treasurer informed the meeting that he had written to those ordinary members whose subscriptions lapsed at the end of 1973. Only 4 had responded, with subscriptions. In fact the running costs of the Society, and costs of printing, stamps, stationery etc had all increased, were dependent on interest from the capital invested in Building Society - at present about £675. It is apparent that if any money should be required to meet the expenses of some campaign in defence of some aspect of the environment, special measures to raise money would be essential. Legal costs at - say, a Public Inquiry, are well beyond the means of an amenity Society or individual.

As a contribution to expenses, a collecting box had been placed at the back of the hall, a practice usual in other Societies. (Note - sum raised £2.75).

The Society had contributed £3.50 to Latham Society, £20 to Channel Tunnel opposition Comg, and £20 to Defenders of Kent.

ITEMS:

Election of Officers

CHAIRMAN. Proposed by Mr Purchase, seconded by Mrs Carter, that Mr George Cobbett be elected Chairman.

Hon Sec/Hon Treasurer. Proposed by Mr Cobbett, seconded by Mrs Kirk, that Mrs. Crestrey Latham be elected Hon Sec/Hon Treas.

Asst Treasurers. Proposed by Mr Purchase, seconded by Mrs Carter that Mrs Carter, Mr Fowler, Mr Baker, be Asst Treasurers.

COMMITTEE. Proposed by Mr. Elliot, seconded by Mrs Carter, that the following be selected:

Mrs Carter, Mrs. Cuskey, Mr Baker, Mr Blazby,
Mr Burrows, Mr Clough, Mrs Cox, Mr Fagg,
Mr Fowler, Mr Croddard, Mrs Kirk, Mr Purchase
Mr Shirley, Mr Tyler, Mr Whigham, Mrs Young.

Proposed by Mrs Carter, seconded by Mrs Carter -
Mr Cornish be elected a member.

All elections were carried unanimously.